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## CLAIMS

- 1. A hair treatment composition comprising i) from 0.2 wt.% to 3 wt.% of a disaccharide selected from trehalose, cellobiose or mixtures thereof; and ii) a di-acid.
- A hair treatment composition according to claim 1 in which the disaccharide is trehalose.
- 3. A hair treatment composition according to any preceding claim in which the di-acid has the formula:

HOOC- (CH2) n-COOH

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Where n is an integer from 2 to 8.

- 4. A hair treatment composition according to claim 3 where n equal to 2 or 4.
- 5. A hair treatment composition according to any preceding claim, which further comprises a guanidinium, salt.
- 6. A hair treatment composition according to claim 5 in which the guanidinium salt is a carbonate.
  - 7. A hair treatment composition according to any proceeding claim further comprising a surfactant.
- 30 8. A hair treatment composition according to any preceding claim comprising an aqueous base.

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- Use of a composition according to any preceding claim for smoothing hair.
- 5 10. Use of a composition according to any one of claims 1 to 8 for aligning hair.
  - 11. Use of a composition according to any one of claims 1 to 8 for preventing damage to the hair.
  - 12. A method of treating hair by applying a composition according to any one of claims 1 to 8 to the hair.